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SUMMARY: GON'S INITIAL REACTION TO USG REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT

OF IDB BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT WAS ONE OF SUSPICION. FOLLOWING

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EMB PRESENTATION, NICARAGUAN GOVERNOR ON IDB BOARD IS NOW PREPARED

TO SUPPORT US POSITION BUT WILL NEED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER GOVERN-

MENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN, WHOM GON REPRESENTS ON IDB

BOARD. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING

APPROPRIATE AREA POSTS TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS IN SUP-

PORT OF US POSITION. END SUMMARY

1. EMB DELIVERED LETTER (RETEL) FROM TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL TO NICARAGUAN GOVERNOR IDB, ECONOMICS MINISTER JUAN JOSE MARTINEZ, ON MARCH 17. GON REACTION NOT FORTHCOMING UNTIL MARCH 23 WHEN LIC. EDUARDO MENDOZA, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, CALLED AT EMB. MENDOZE SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS CONCERNED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION MIGHT BE SEEKING TO BLOCK ALL ACTION ON IDB POLICY MATTERS PENDING ADMINISTRATION'S GETTING BETTER SETTLED INTO OFFICE AND WITH POSSIBLE VIEW TO DISRUPTING SAN SALVADOR CONFERENCE NEXT MAY. MENDOZE ADDED THAT GON ALSO CONCERNED THAT USG TAKING HOSTILE VIEW TOWARD CONTRIBUTIONS TO IDB BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND MENTIONED REPORT TO THAT EFFECT WHICH CENTRAL AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON HAD CIRCULATED AMONG REGIONAL CAPITALS. THEREFORE, MENDOZA CONCLUDED, OWING TO THE PERCEIVED "POLITICAL" NATURE OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF IDB BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT UNTIL APRIL 18, NICARAGUAN GOVERNOR RELUCTANT TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT.

2. EMBOFF SOUGHT TO PUT USG POSITION IN FAVORABLE LIGHT, POINTING OUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAD GONE ON RECORD WITH US CONGRESS IN FAVOR OF INCREASED US CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING IDB. EMBOFF ALSO ASSURED MENDOZA THAT USG NOT SEEKING TO BLOCK IDB CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS ISSUES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BUT RATHER THAT USG IS ONLY SEEKING MODEST AMOUNT OF TIME TO DEVELOP ITS POSITION ON MATTERS AT ISSUE. EMBOFF ADDED THAT USG DOES NOT WANT TO FIND ITS SCOPE OF ACTION PREEMPTED BY PRECIPITOUS IDB BOARD ACTION.

3. MENDOZE ACCEPTED ABOVE EXPLANATION AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS MINISTER WOULD NOW SUPPORT US REQUEST FOR DELAY. NONETHELESS, MENDOZA CONTINUED, GON WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION WHICH IT REPRESENTS ON IDB GOVERNING BOARD. EMBOFF GOT IMPRESSION THAT SUCH CONSULTATION WOULD BE PRO FORMA.

4. HOWEVER, GIVEN CRUCIAL NATURE OF THIS MATTER, DEPT MAY WISH TO INSTRUCT OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN EMBASSIES, WHOSE HOST COUNTRIES NICARAGUAN IDB GOVERNOR REPRESENTS TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF US POSITION.

5. MENDOZA COMMENTED THAT HE PERSONALLY VERY PLEASED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION IS PUSHING HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. THIS, HE SAID, IS ONE OF FINEST THINGS A US PRESIDENT HAS DONE IN A LONG TIME.
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